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1. During the last week of August 1951, a meeting of non-Communist nationalist groups was held in South Vietnam to discuss the formation of a nationalist resistance front. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Cao Trieu Phat and Trinh Minh The factions of the Cao Dai, the Binh Xuyen, the Hoa Hao and Catholic groups. A large Catholic participation in the front is expected under the aegis of Bishop Ngo Dinh Thuc. Individuals present at the meeting included Che Cong Tien and Tran Van An of the Viet Doan organization, Father Le Van Phien and Ho Nhut Tan.
2. The principal forces of the front are to be provided by the Cao Dai and Catholic groups, with Binh Xuyen and Hoa Hao troops serving as supplementary forces. They believe themselves sufficiently armed at present to stage local actions and future supplies of ammunition are to be produced locally or purchased on the foreign market.
3. A primary activity of the front will be the distribution of propaganda to acquaint the Vietnamese population with the existence and aims of the movement in order to expand rapidly on a national scale.

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